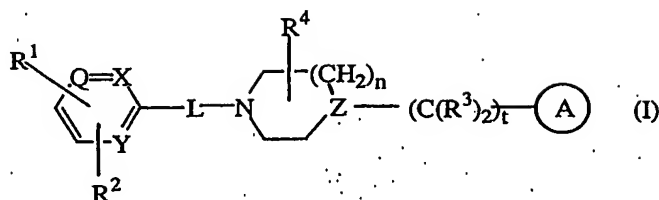


Claims

1. A compound of formula (I),



the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

10 n is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and when n is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

t is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and when t is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

each Q is nitrogen or —C= ;

15 each X is nitrogen or —C= ;

each Y is nitrogen or —C= ;

20 each Z is nitrogen or —CH= ;

R^1 is $\text{—C(O)NR}^7\text{R}^8$, —NHC(O)R^9 , $\text{—C(O)—C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^9$, $\text{—NR}^{10}\text{C(O)N(OH)R}^9$, $\text{—NR}^{10}\text{C(O)C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^9$, $\text{—NR}^{10}\text{C(O)C=N(OH)R}^9$ or another Zn-chelating-group

25 wherein R^7 and R^8 are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl or aminoaryl;

R^9 is independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylpyrazinyl, pyridinone, pyrrolidinone or methylimidazolyl;

R^{10} is independently selected from hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

30 R^2 is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, hydroxyamino or naphthalenylsulfonylpyrazinyl;

35 —L— is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylloxy}$, amino, carbonyl or aminocarbonyl;

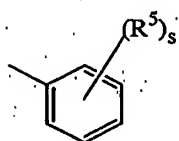
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each R^3 independently represents a hydrogen atom and one hydrogen atom can be replaced by a substituent selected from aryl;

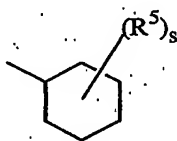
- 5 R^4 is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, aminocarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxyaminocarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylamino C_{1-6} alkyl or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl;

—(A) is a radical selected from

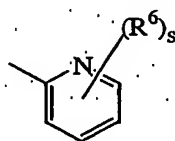
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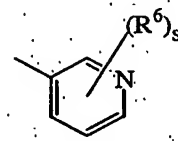
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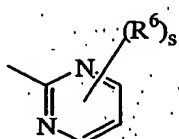
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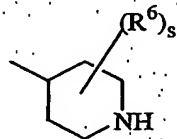
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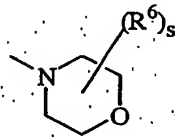
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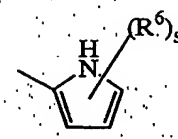
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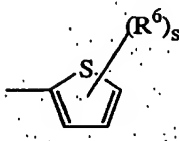
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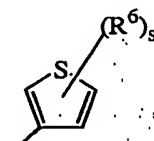
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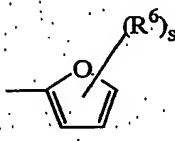
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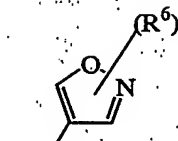
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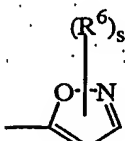


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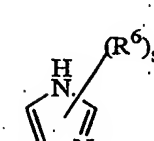


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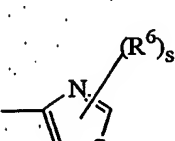
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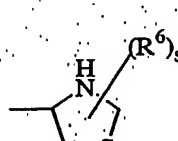
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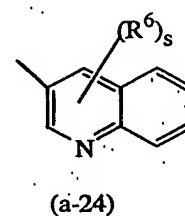
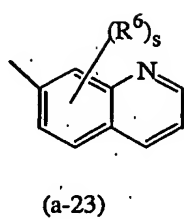
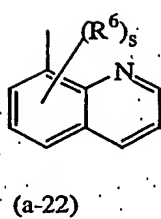
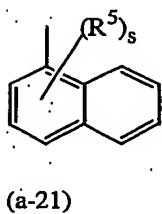
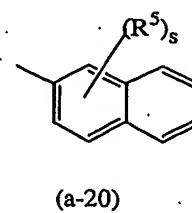
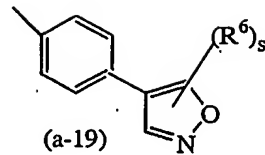
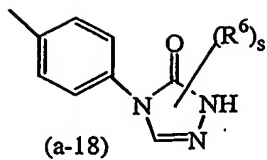
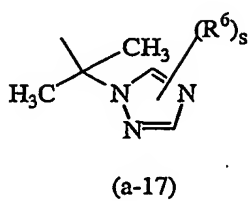
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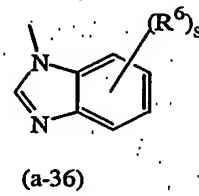
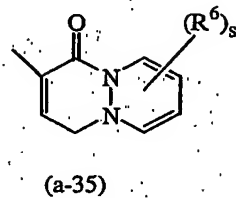
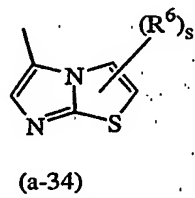
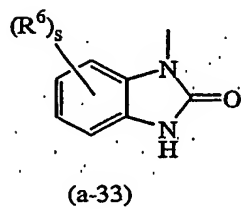
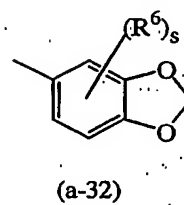
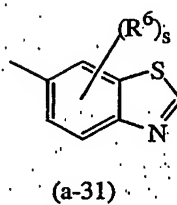
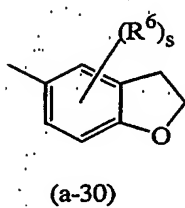
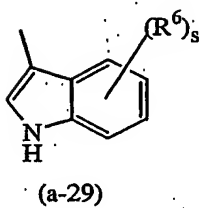
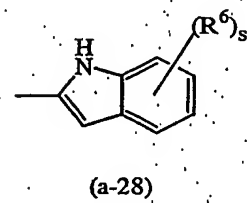
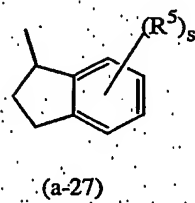
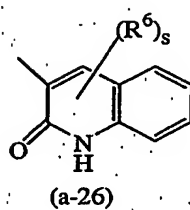
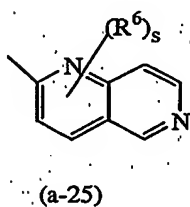
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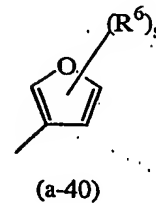
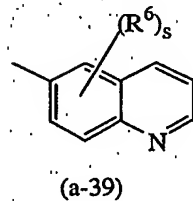
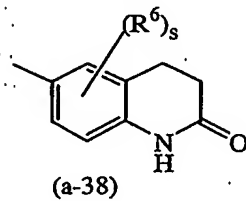
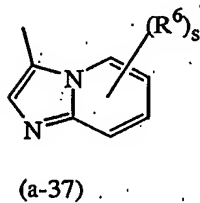
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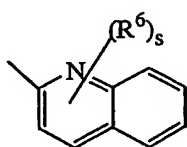


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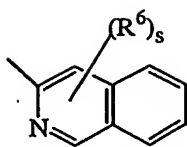


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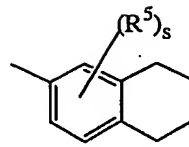




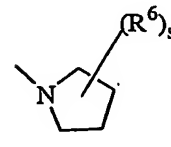
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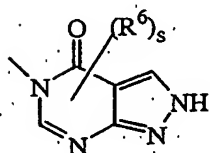
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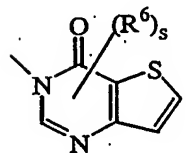
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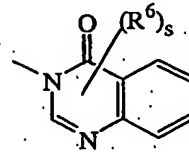
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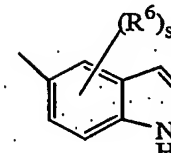
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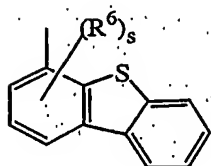
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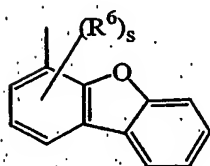
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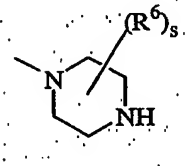
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wherein each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

each R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with aryl and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylamino; aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (aryl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy; aryloxyC₁₋₆alkyl; arylC₂₋₆alkenediyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl; thiophenyl substituted with di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,

hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, or di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 5 furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl;
 oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl;
 pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; morpholinyl; C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl;
 morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy;
 morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl; morpholinylC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 10 morpholinylC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; piperazinyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; piperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
 naphtalenylsulfonylpiperazinyl; naphtalenylsulfonylpiperidinyl; naphtalenylsulfonyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl;
 15 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;
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 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; piperidinylaminoC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 20 piperidinylaminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 (C₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 (C₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
 25 (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl
 substituted with two substituents selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl;
 pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl;
 30 tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
 quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents
 independently selected from halo, amino, nitro, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy,
 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 C₁₋₄alkylsulfonyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl,
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di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
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 aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
 aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
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 10 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy piperidinyl,
 C₁₋₄alkyloxy piperidinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)amino, di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, furanyl, furanyl
 15 substituted with -CH=CH-CH=CH-, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyl, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 morpholinyl, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 morpholinylC₁₋₄alkylamino, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, piperazinyl,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, piperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 20 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl, tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl,
 tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, piperidinylaminoC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 piperidinylaminoC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 (C₁₋₄alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 (C₁₋₄alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 25 pyridinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylamino, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, or thiophenylC₁₋₄alkylamino;
 each R⁵ and R⁶ can be placed on the nitrogen in replacement of the hydrogen;

30 aryl in the above is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one or more substituents each
 independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or
 hydroxycarbonyl.

- 35 2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein n is 1 or 2; t is 0, 1, 2 or 4; each Q is
 $\text{—C}\begin{smallmatrix} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{smallmatrix}$; R¹ is -C(O)NH(OH); R² is hydrogen or nitro; -L- is a direct bond or a
 bivalent radical selected from C₁₋₆alkanediyl; R⁴ is hydrogen; $\text{—}\bigcirc\text{A}$ is a radical

selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (a-5), (a-6), (a-11), (a-18), (a-20), (a-21), (a-32), (a-33), (a-47) or (a-51); each s is independently 0, 1, 2, or 4; each R⁵ and R⁶ are independently selected from hydrogen; halo;

trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with aryl and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl;

5 C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; benzofuranyl; naphthalenylsulfonyl; pyridinyl substituted with aryloxy; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one substituent independently selected from hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl or morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyl.

3. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein t is 1, 2, 3, or 4;

10 R¹ is -C(O)NR⁷R⁸, -C(O)-C₁₋₆alkanediylSR⁹, -NR¹⁰C(O)N(OH)R⁹, -NR¹⁰C(O)C₁₋₆alkanediylSR⁹, -NR¹⁰C(O)C=N(OH)R⁹ or another Zn-chelating-group wherein R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl or aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

R² is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl or
15 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;

-L- is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from C₁₋₆alkanediyl, C₁₋₆alkanediylloxy, amino or carbonyl;

R⁴ is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl or
20 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

—^(A) is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42), (a-44),
25 (a-45), (a-46), (a-47), (a-48) and (a-51);

each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R⁵ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy;

C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; aryloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; cyano;

30 thiophenyl; furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; benzofuranyl;

imidazolyl; oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C₁₋₆alkyl;

C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; morpholinyl;

C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl; piperazinyl;

C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;

35 C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinyl; pyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole;

phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy;

C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

5 C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; aryloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; cyano; pyridinyl;

phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

4. A compound as claimed in claim 1 and 2 wherein n is 1; t is 0 or 1; each Q is

10 $\text{—C}\begin{smallmatrix} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{smallmatrix}$; each X is nitrogen; each Y is nitrogen; R¹ is

—C(O)NH(OH); R² is hydrogen; —L— is a direct bond; each R³ independently

represents a hydrogen atom; R⁴ is hydrogen; $\text{—}\bigcirc\text{(A)}$ is a radical selected from

(a-6), (a-11), (a-20), (a-47) or (a-51); each s is independently 0, 1, or 4; and each R⁵

and R⁶ are independently selected from hydrogen; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy;

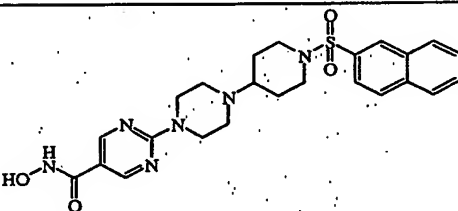
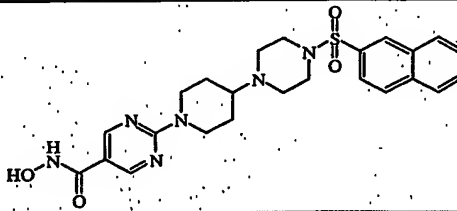
15 naphthalenylsulfonyl; or phenyl substituted with hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl or

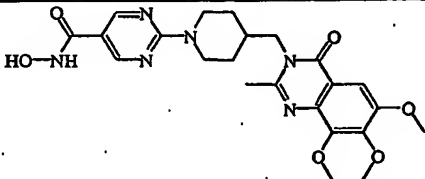
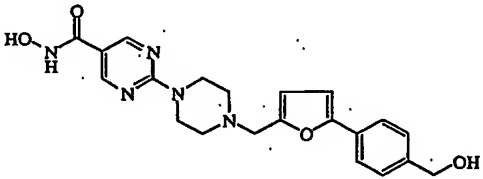
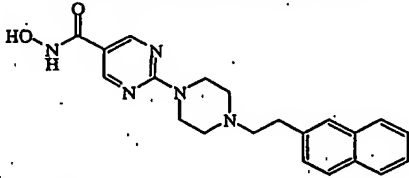
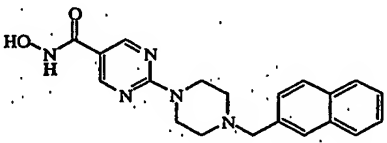
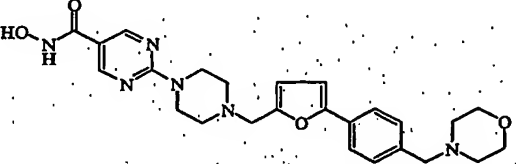
morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyl.

5. A compound according to claim 1, 2 and 4 selected from compounds No. 3, No.

4, No. 8, No. 5, No. 7, No. 6 and No. 9.

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0.91 C ₂ HF ₃ O ₂ ; Co. No. 3	0.86 C ₂ HF ₃ O ₂ ; Co. No. 4

	
C ₂ HF ₃ O ₂ (1:1); Co. No.8	0.83 C ₂ HF ₃ O ₂ ; Co. No.5
	
0.79 C ₂ HF ₃ O ₂ ; Co. No.7	0.83 C ₂ HF ₃ O ₂ ; Co. No.6
	
0.47 H ₂ O .1.99 C ₂ HF ₃ O ₂ ; Co. No.9	

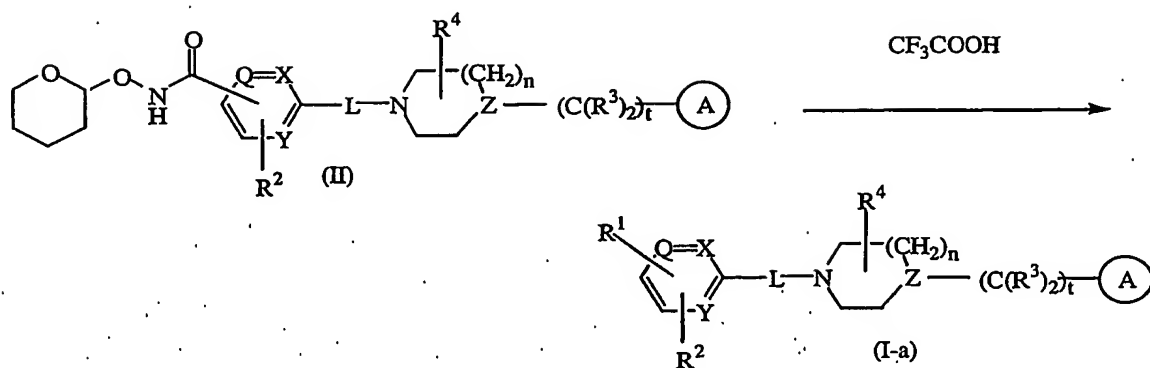
6. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 5.

7. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 5 are intimately mixed.

8. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 for use as a medicine.

9. Use of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of proliferative diseases.

10. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized by reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with an appropriate acid, such as for example, trifluoro acetic acid, yielding a hydroxamic acid of formula (I-a), wherein R¹ is -C(O)NH(OH)



11. A method of detecting or identifying a HDAC in a biological sample comprising detecting or measuring the formation of a complex between a labelled compound as defined in claim (I) and a HDAC.
12. A combination of an anti-cancer agents and a HDAC inhibitor as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5.

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